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# Spread the Word

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*The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.*

## Reflection by Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE

One of the best ways to encounter God is through hospitality. Hospitality can be defined as the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

Culture is very important when it comes to hospitality. In the cultures of the Middle East it was considered a duty to be hospitable to the traveller that comes by. This was (and is) especially true of the nomadic peoples who lived in arid and inhospitable areas. It was expected that, if a stranger was judged to come in peace, they would be welcomed into the tent and be provided sustenance and protection by the tribe or family.



With these Cultural practices, it was easy for God to teach people the importance of encountering God by being especially hospitable to those sent by God as His messengers. Special rewards, physical and spiritual, and no doubt, life-changing will be bestowed on them for their kindness.

In the Culture of most First Nations Peoples in Australia, hospitality is also very important. When someone is "Welcomed to Country," the Elder or Elders judge that the stranger comes in peace and is given permission to walk on the land of which they are the Traditional Custodians. The "Welcome to Country" also means that while the stranger is on the Traditional Land, the Custodians will give sustenance and protection if needed.

Nearly all of my ministry to the Aboriginal people of my Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes starts with hospitality. I get 'Welcomed to Country'. If I am assessed as a friend and not a foe, I get into conversations in the street, then I can get invited into a person's front yard for a yarn, and then later on, I might be invited to talk on the verandah, and if I am privileged, I get invited into the home. The receiver of the hospitality must respect and acknowledge the hospitality that is given. Then trust is established, and with trust comes encounter, and in some cases, the Holy Spirit works through me, the gift of new life in Baptism is asked and received, and a life is changed.

I think all of us in the Church could learn a lot from the culture of hospitality of our First Nations Peoples in helping bring people closer to God. Respect, patience, building trust, protecting those in our care, invitation and welcome are all facets of hospitality and, as such, are very important in bringing about an encounter with God. *Most Rev. Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes*

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**Saturday:** 6pm  
**Sunday:** 7am, 9am & 5.30pm  
10.30am (Italian)

**Weekday:** 6.30am & 9am  
Monday - Friday  
8am Saturday  
& Public Holidays

### RECONCILIATION

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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 23 July

- 8.00am Baptism Preparation – Church & Library
- 9.00am NAIDOC Week Mass – Church
- 9.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word – Library

#### Monday 24 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 25 July

- 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
(1st Holy Communion) – Church
- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 26 July

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church
- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library
- 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
(1st Holy Communion) – Church

#### Saturday 29 July

- 9.30am Italian Prayer Group & CCR Brisbane  
Praise and Worship – Church

#### Sunday 30 July

- 12noon Baptisms – Church

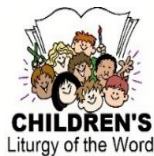
**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** *Jocelyn Bonney, Robert Balmer, Ciaran Ayres, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley* **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** *Patrick Boyle, Ross Holt, Harry Pieper, John & Consuelo Mendoza, Pat Kenny, William Bergin, Sr Helen Rankin OP, Bernard & Shirley Barry, John Francis Treacy, Vicki Johnson* **and the recently deceased** *Marie Silvester, Frank Muir, Kathryn Waterson, Leo Feeney, Allen James, Dave Lawson, Josie Hughes, Neville Black.*

### Parish NAIDOC Week Mass

This weekend at the Sunday 9.00am Mass we celebrate our Parish NAIDOC Week Mass.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

is being held TODAY, Sunday 23 July, during 9am Mass, and then on Sunday 13 August. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.



### Novena to St Dominic

As we approach the Feast Day of St Dominic on 3 August, you are invited to participate in the Novena after Mass from Tuesday 25 July. Novena prayer booklets are available from the Statue of St Dominic.

### Sacramental Program 2023

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

- Tuesday 25 July, 7pm (Option 1)
- Wednesday 26 July, 7pm (Option 2)

Family Session 2 - Preparation Session

- Tuesday 1 August, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 6 August, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

### St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

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**Brisbane East Deanery Pastoral Council** will meet on Thursday 27 July, 7.00pm, at the Parish Hall of Sts Peter and Paul Bulimba. The meeting will look at Priority 2 entitled *Reshaping Parish Communities* from the document *Lamps Ablaze*, which was prepared by Archbishop Mark as part of the focus at the Archdiocesan Summit that was held in May.

### Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our Holy Infant Orphanage Appeal last weekend. So far we have raised approximately \$6,000. All money will go directly to the Missionary Sister of St Dominic in their work with the Burmese Refugees. Thank you for your support.



**We have a number of items, weaved and produced by the Orphanage, which are available for purchase from the Parish Office.**

For those who wish to still donate, there are envelopes on the table near the main door of the Church. Alternatively, you can go online to [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/online-payments](http://www.carinacatholicparish.org.au/online-payments) to give via credit card.

### Feast of St Dominic and Parish Expo

Next weekend, 29-30 July, we will be celebrating St Dominic's Feast Day at all the Sunday Masses. After each Mass there will be Cuppa and Chat. We invite everyone to bring a plate of food to share. We will also be having our Parish Expo, where you will have a chance to find out about the different Ministries and Groups that make up Our Lady of Graces Parish.



A reminder to ministry and group leaders to provide any flyers that require printing to the Parish Office by this Monday, 24 July. This is so we have enough time to print these flyers for you. Also, please let us know who will be looking after your stall after each of the Masses next weekend.

### Fr Alex Travelling to Thailand

Fr Alex will be travelling to Mae Sot, leaving on Thursday night 3 August and returning on Thursday 31 August.

**Parish 500 Card Group** will meet at 7.00pm on Friday 4 August in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). *Please note the new start time of 7.00pm.* All are welcome.

### Dominican Fathers Retirement & Sickness Fund

On the weekend of 5-6 August, we ask that you support the Dominican Fathers Retirement & Sickness Fund Collection. The fund provides Dominican priests and brothers with relief in circumstances caused by sickness, old age and retirement. Contributions \$10 and over are tax deductible.



You may give via the following ways:

- [www.givenow.com.au/DominicanFrsRetirementSickness](http://www.givenow.com.au/DominicanFrsRetirementSickness)
- Donation envelopes available on 5-6 August.



## Feast of St Dominic and Our Lady of Graces Parish Expo

Saturday 29 July & Sunday 30 July

Come and celebrate the Feast of St Dominic.

Find out about the different Ministries &  
Groups that make up OUR Parish.

**We invite everyone to please bring a plate of  
food to share after Mass.**

Tea, Coffee and Cordial provided.

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

*This Sunday, 23 July, is observed in churches everywhere as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. A message below from Cardinal Kevin Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.*



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2023

In celebrating its third edition, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly proves to be a regular event in the life of our church communities and takes on new meanings.

Caring for grandparents and the elderly, in fact, is not only a duty of gratitude and affection, but a necessity for building a more humane and fraternal society. The Holy Father invites us to recognise their value in transmitting faith and hope to the new generations and to do so in a way that is not a one-time event, rather a permanent one. That is, it is not a matter of celebrating our elderly loved ones once a year, but of making them feel as an integral part of our Christian family and our common history. After all, in many places in the world they are the point of reference for communities and the keepers of memories. Within our communities, therefore, a change of mentality is necessary, overcoming those prejudices that make the elderly appear as passive and useless people and getting used to a pastoral care marked by reciprocity and sharing.

The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be celebrated on July 23, 2023, will have the theme, "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). This verse reminds us that God's mercy is manifested in history through the testimonies of those who have experienced it and passed it onto their children and grandchildren. Grandparents and the elderly are called to carry this mercy, to tell through words and life how God has been faithful to His promises and how He continues to love His people. They are also called to receive God's mercy, and to allow themselves to be comforted by His fatherly love that never abandons them. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is an occasion to once again express with joy that the Church wants to celebrate together with those whom the Lord -- as the Bible says -- has given "a full life".

This year's Day is characterised by its close connection with the World Youth Day, which will be held in Lisbon from 1-6 August. This relationship is evident in Pope Francis' message to elders, inviting them to pray for and bless the youth who will participate in the World Youth Day, and to young people, urging them to visit and listen to the grandparents and the elderly in their community. The Pope stressed that between the two generations there is a communion of life and faith, a mutual giving and gratitude, a witness of hope and charity. The theme for World Youth Day "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39), highlights the profound connection between the young and the old through the magnificent encounter between Mary and Elizabeth.

Hoping that the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will help create a fruitful dialogue between the young and the old, we send cordial greetings in the Lord.

### Italian Youth Choirs Concert

The Italian Youth Choirs of *Gioventù in Cantata from Marostica* and *Giovani Voci Bassano from Bassano del Grappa* will be touring Brisbane between 4-8 August.

**As part of their stay in Brisbane, the choirs will be holding a concert here at Our Lady of Graces Church on Saturday 5 August, 2-4pm. Entry is FREE.**



The concert will focus on the theme of respect for the Earth, based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, as well as a repertoire of Italian songs. Mark the date in your diaries!

**Holy Communion:** *It is emphasised that if you are unwell, you refrain from receiving from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue.*

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